

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 7-9 are pending in the present application. By this Supplemental Response, claim 1 is amended to address the informality specified in the outstanding office action of May 4, 2004. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter, or raising any issues not previously considered by the Examiner.

Claims 1-3 and 7-9 stand rejected under 35USC §112, paragraph 1, as failing to comply with the description requirement of the Statute. The Examiner supports his position by indicating that the broad use of the term "metal finger" is misleading in that not all metals would be attracted to a magnet. As a result, one skilled in this art could not be able to make or use the invention.

The Examiner has indicated that this rejection could be addressed by amending the specification to state that a ferrous metal is being used for finger 14. The Examiner has also indicated that Claims 1-3 and 7-9 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35USC §112, paragraph 1. In response to the Examiner's suggestions, claim 1 is amended by this Supplemental Response to recite a ferrous metal finger. Also, the specification has been amended to more completely describe the magnetic finger as disclosed on page 9, lines 8-9 of the original specification.

CONCLUSION

All rejections to the Claims having been addressed as required by the Examiner, it is urged that the Claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, and a prompt Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions, or should issues remain the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone for prompt and satisfactory resolution.

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